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CAP

Major Jack Vilas, AAF
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Dear Jack:

The Illinois Wing has become quite enthusiastic over the CAP March composed by Lawrence Salerno, a copy of which he has already sent you and I believe he has also sent you a recording.

The song is now printed and is being sold for 50¢ each by Jack Bogoff, Supply Officer of Squadron 611-1 whose address is 974 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois. The proceeds of this song are being donated by Mr. Salerno to Civil Air Patrol and it is my understanding it goes specifically to Squadron 611-1 or Group 611.

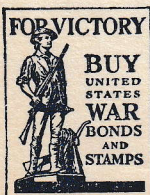
How about this song being adopted as the official CAP March?

Sincerely,

Bob Belt

ROBERT K. BELT, MAJOR, CAP
COMMANDING, WING 61

P.S. I attended the Squadron Meeting last night at which they read over a partial list of the members of the Squadron that are now in the Army, Navy, Marines or instructors at an Army or Navy Contract School. It is the most imposing list I have ever heard or seen and is much larger than some of the lists I have seen from entire Wings. The list read last night was incomplete and upon completion I shall forward you a copy so that you will see that this Squadron has given more than its prorated share to the Armed Forces. They are referred to sometimes as the "Prima Donna" Squadron but after I heard that list read last night, I can assure you they are anything but "Prima Donnas".



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January 28, 1943

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Dear Bob:

In reply to your letter of January 23, I am glad to hear that the Civil Air Patrol song written by Mr. Salerno is being published. We did receive a recording of this piece and while we think it was very good, I can truthfully say that we have one or two that are just as good.

As far as adopting Mr. Salerno's march as the official Civil Air Patrol song, it will be given consideration if and when a song is adopted as the official piece.

Have noted your P.S. in regard to CAP members who have joined the armed forces and it is quite interesting. I will be glad to receive the copy of the list of the so-called "Prima Donna" Squadron.

Yours sincerely,

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National Commander

By:

JACK VILAS
Major, Army Air Forces
Executive Officer

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